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SECDEF FOR DSAA, LTG FISH FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, PGOV, JO, IR, US
SUBJECT: REBUILD BY IRAN OF JORDANIAN M48 TANKS

REF: DAO 0038 (IR 6 853 0017 78)

1. CINC BIN SHAKER TOLD ME JANUARY 24 THAT IRANIANS
HAD COMPLETED DISCUSSION WITH GOJ ON THE PROJECT OF
DIESELIZING AND UP-GUNNING ABOUT 280 JORDANIAN
M48A1 TANKS.

2. IRANIANS REPORTED THAT THEY HAD MADE INITIAL
INQUIRIES ABOUT DELIVERY OF ENGINES AND GUN KITS
AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT 24 MONTHS' LEAD TIME REQUIRED.
BIN SHAKER ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING WE COULD DO
TO BRING THIS DOWN TO SOMETHING CLOSER TO ONE YEAR.
I SAID WE WOULD INQUIRE AND LET HIM KNOW. I FEEL
CONFIDENT THAT KING WOULD INCLUDE THIS ITEM AMONG
THOSE TO WHICH HE ASSIGNED HIGHEST PRIORITY WHEN
HE APPROACHED THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT ON HIS
NEED FOR MORE U.S. HELP IN MEETING HIS MILITARY NEEDS

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IN RESPONSE TO THE CHANGING SITUATION IN THE AREA.

3. I URGE THAT WE DO ALL POSSIBLE TO SEE WHETHER
WE CAN ACHIEVE EARLIER DELIVERY OF ENGINES AND KITS
FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL BATCHES OF TANKS TO BE
REWORKED. WE PRESUME EMBASSY TEHRAN WILL HAVE MORE
CONCRETE INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF TANKS TO BE

PROCESSED IN VARIOUS BATCHES, TIME FOR REBUILD AND
IRANIAN DESIRES ON OPTIMUM DELIVERY.

4. RECOMMEND WE GIVE THIS PROJECT A SPECIAL REVIEW
AND HOPE THAT BY THE TIME OF GENERAL FISH'S AND
GENERAL GRAVES' VISIT HERE LATE NEXT MONTH WE CAN
HAVE A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FOR GENERAL BIN SHAKER.
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